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MAROA GRADE






Owner Dee Smith







# Administration





BOARD OF EDUCATION

Left to right: Virgil C. Smith, R. D. Bolen, W. A. McGuire, William F. Berry, Pres.; Bert McCool, Norman Ferrill, Paul Malone.



**W. D. KEYES, JR.**  
**Superintendent of Schools**  
**Maroa Community Unit**





**MILO W. DEIBERT**

**Elementary Supervisor, Maroa Unit Schools  
Principal, Maroa Grade School**





# *Faculty*





PAULINE VANCE  
First Grade



LUCILLE EAGLER  
First Grade

ESTHER HARMON  
Second Grade



JEAN SMITH  
Second Grade







**BLANCHE ATKINS**  
Third Grade



**EDNA ROGERS**  
Third Grade

**CATHERINE COVEY**  
Fourth Grade



**DESSIE BODAMER**  
Fourth and Fifth Grade





**MARION WRIGHT**  
Fifth Grade



**ORMAND LEFEVER**  
Sixth Grade

**SIBYL STORY**  
Sixth Grade



**JANE WESSELS**  
Seventh Grade







DOROTHY GILPIN  
Seventh Grade



RICHARD FASSETT  
Eighth Grade

DAVE CATLIN  
Eighth Grade



MARJORY PARKER  
Girls' P.E., 5-8  
Boys' & Girls' P.E., 1-4





**RUTH BENNETT**  
Art



**DORIS DOTSON**  
Vocal Music

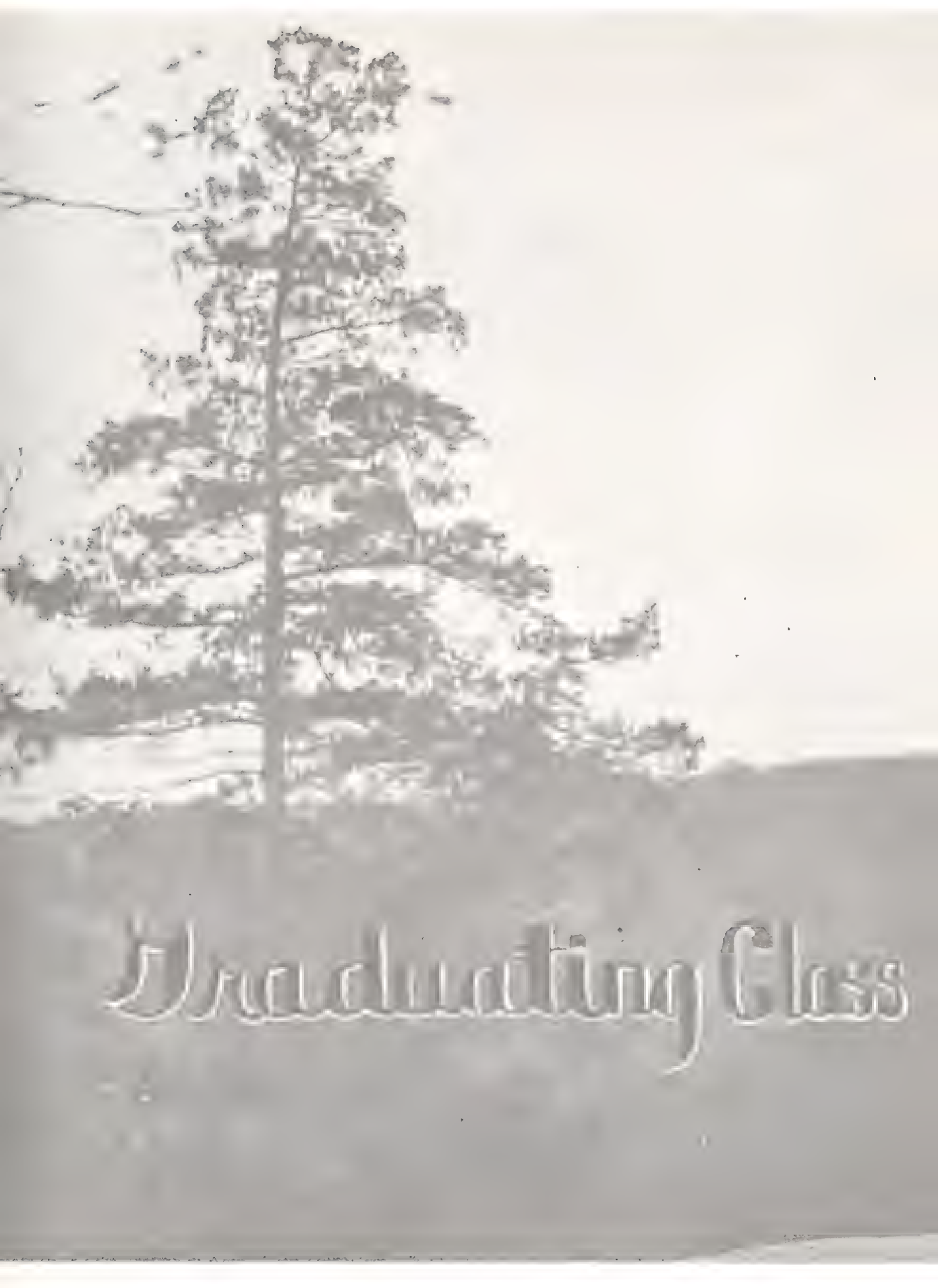
**ARTHUR SMITH**  
Band



**EMILY ROHRSCHEIB**  
Secretary







# Graduating Class

Chalcraft, Judy: Education makes a people easy to lead, but difficult to drive; Easy to govern, but impossible to enslave.

Cooper, Robert: A thing that nobody believes cannot be proved too often.

Dickey, Gwen: A true friend is one who knows you well and likes you anyway.

Doak, Robert: The waste of plenty is the resource of scarcity.

Fore, Bill: Every man is like the company he is wont to keep.

Gaither, Tom: Joy rises in me like a summer's morn.

Glenn, Charles: It is not wise to be wiser than is necessary.







Allsup, Judy: All things I thought I knew; but  
now confess,  
The more I know I know, I know  
the less.



Altic, David: Wisdom is better than rubies.

Bennett, Richard: Every man has his gift, and  
the tools go to him that can  
use them.



Birge, Tom: He that is slow to anger is better  
than the mighty; and he that ruleth  
his spirit than he that taketh a city.

Brelsfoard, Barbara: A good mind possesses a  
kingdom.

Brown, Alfred Joe: My thoughts and I were of  
another world.

Bush, Dick: What is mind - never matter-  
What is matter - never mind.



James, Priscilla: Inject a few raisins of conversation into the tasteless dough of existence.

Lockwood, Howard: All men commend patience, although few be willing to practice it.

Malone, Laverne: I think, therefore, I am.

Margenthaler, Connie: My interest is in the future because I'm going to spend the rest of my life there.


Merrifield, Carol: I am a part of all that I have met.

Miller, Karen: It is better to wear out than rust out.

Newell, Shirley: The ancestor of every action is a thought.








Hicks, Larry: O this learning, what a thing  
it is!

Hanks, Roy: Our deeds determine us as much as  
we determine our deeds.



Hartleroad, Julia: Aristippus said that a wise  
man's country was the world.

Hedgpeth, J. R.: Wonder is the feeling of a  
philosopher and philosophy  
begins in wonder.



Heinz, Richard: Great men are they who see that  
spiritual is stronger than any  
material force, that thoughts  
rule the world.

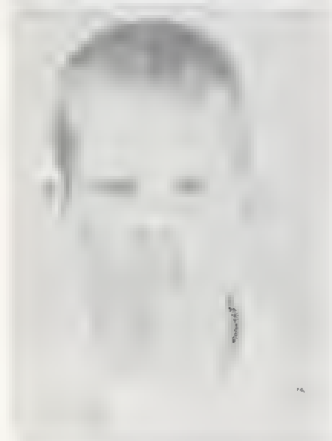
Hess, Ronald: A light heart lives long.

Hughes, Rodger: The wise man must be wise  
before not after the event.





Nicol, Sheldon: And still they gazed  
And still the wonder grew,  
That one small head  
Should carry all he knew.



Odle, Junior: Impossible is a word I never use.

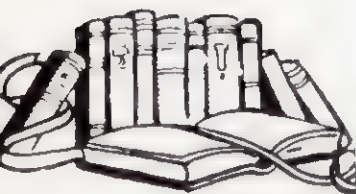
Pennypacker, Karla: Many shall run to and fro,  
And knowledge shall be  
increased.



Qualls, Judy: The only way to have a friend  
is to be one.

Rodgers, Lynn: They also serve who only stand  
and wait.

Stinson, Betty: A good mind possesses a kingdom.





Tapp, Sharon: Day unto day uttereth speech and  
night unto night showeth knowldege.

Terrell, Ronnie: The world knows nothing of its  
greatest men.

Thrall, Diana: As gentle as a zephyr blowing  
below the violet.

Wikoff, Ronnie: Great is truth and it prevails.

Williams, Joanne: Consistency's a jewel.

Windlan, Carol: By constant dripping a drop of  
water hollows out a rock.









# Seventh Grade



Roy  
Allsup



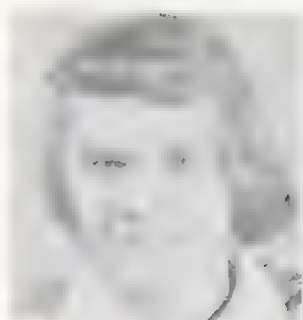
Gary  
Archey



Robert  
Birge



Stoy  
Bliss



Janet  
Bolton



Tina  
Boyd ✓



Sharon  
Boyer



Ronald  
Brown



Sharon  
Bush



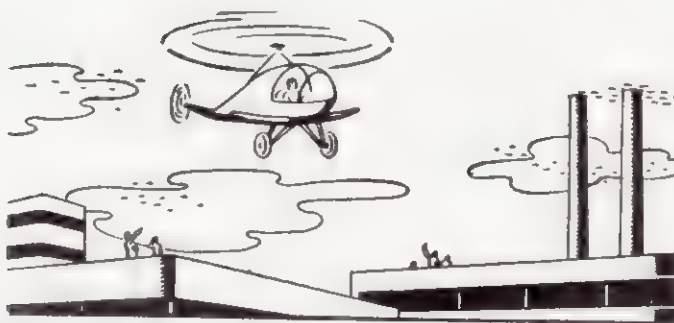
Ardella  
Clifton



Dean  
Cole



Loretta  
Cooper







Janet  
Marshall



Carol  
Martin



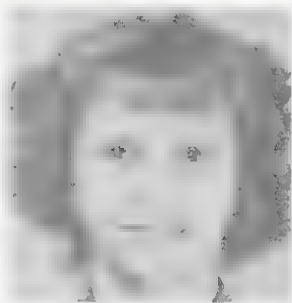
Claudia  
Moberly



Lloyd  
Murphy



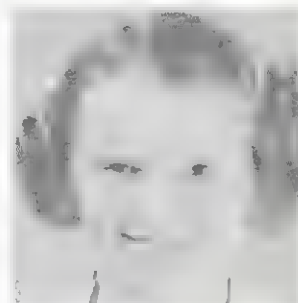
John  
Parker



Beverly  
Pulliam



Robert  
Richardson



LaVon  
Riley



Connie  
Sinkosky



Suzanne  
Spreckelmeyer



Dorothea  
Streich



Pauline  
Ward



Betty  
Westerman



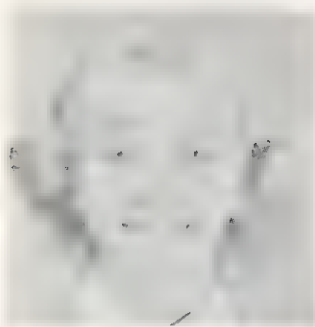
Juanita  
Williams



Richard  
Wilson



Carolyn  
Wright



Lavina ✓  
Fathauer



Melvin  
Feathers



Eddie  
Fore



Glenn  
Fultz



David  
Garren



Carol  
Glenn



Roy  
Groves



Tom  
Hedgpeth



Betty  
Hensley



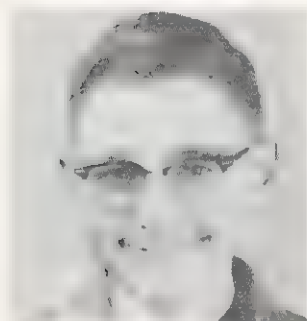
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Hinkle



David  
Hoffman



Robert  
Howell



David  
Lemons



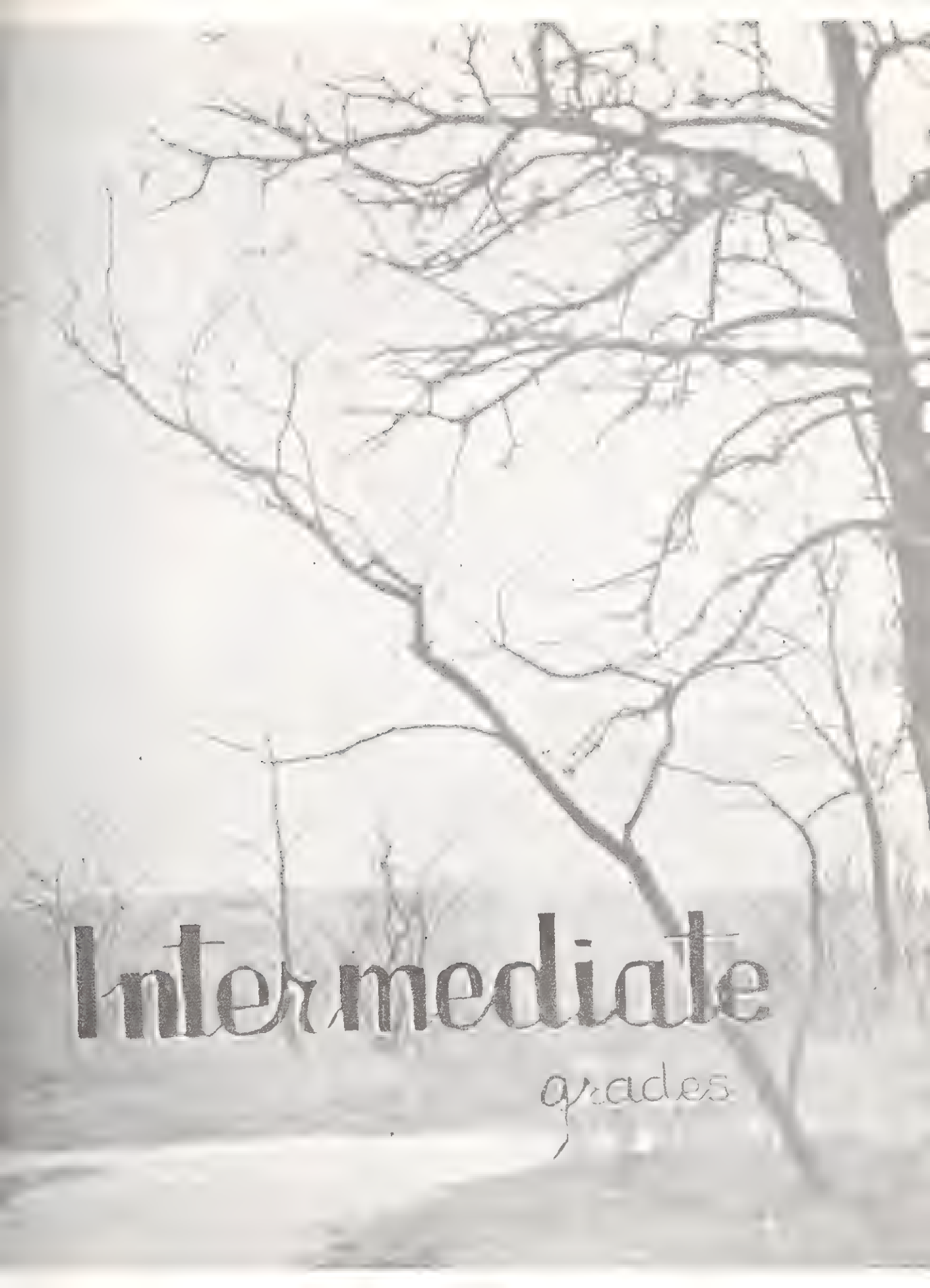
William  
Leimbach



Susan  
McGuire ✓



Alan  
Marsh



# Intermediate

grades



# Sixth Grade



Catherine Crabtree Sally Shambaugh



Linda Dash Sandra Pense



Beverly Brady



Sharon Lockwood



Emelia DeCicco



Edward Hensley



Morris Buttrum



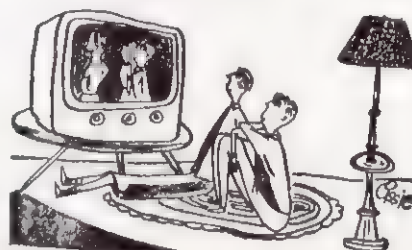
Carol Jean Stoutenborough



Douglas Stoutenborough



Roger Myers



Robert Stalker



Bradley Lienhart



Edwin Miller



Lewis Rooker



Donna Hedgpeth



Janet Boyer



Judith Woodside



John Hanks



Richard Brelsfoard





Barbara Austin



James Conyers



Linda Dean



David Earles



Jimmy Eaton



Carol Ann Foulke



Susan Grindol



MR. LEFEVER

Teacher



Charles Harrington



Carol Sue Hartleroad



Janice Hicks



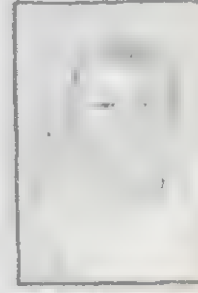
Patricia Rose Himes



SIXTH  
GRADE



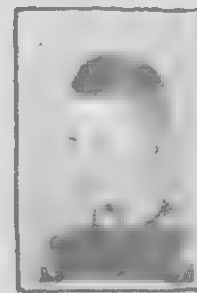
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Richard Hunt



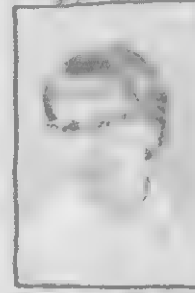
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Elston Mitchell



Jerry Lee Odle



Mary Beth Preston



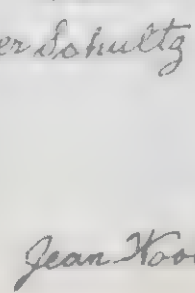
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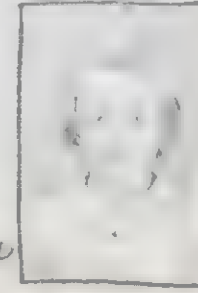
Wayne Runyon



Roger Schultz



Jean Woolume





Marla Kay  
Atchison



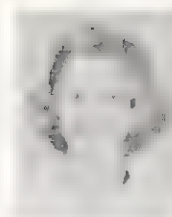
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Mary Ann  
Bolton



Larry  
Creason



Linda  
Catlin



James  
Crouch



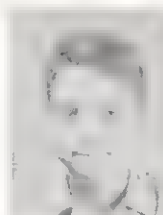
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Boyd



Jack  
DeClerk



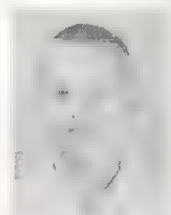
Rose  
Garren



Paul  
Groves



Carlone  
Grubbs



Virgil  
Hanks



Nancy  
Harrington



Gary  
Schroll



Martha  
Hunt



Robert  
Mathews

## *Fifth Grade*



Ann  
Leimbach



Michael  
Stanton



Dee  
Smith



Jack  
Thrall



Linda  
Sprague



Ted  
Thompson



Cheryl  
Spreckelmeyer



Jonn  
Ward



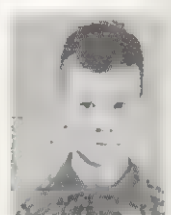
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Wattles



Walter  
Williams



Wynette  
Wikoff



Gary  
Amberg



## Grade 4



Trevor  
Leach



Sandra  
Tapp



Cheryl  
Hitchens



Michael  
Woodside



Sally Jo  
Marsh



Nancy  
Doolen



Donna  
Miller



Linda  
Hartleroad



Lorna  
Stevens



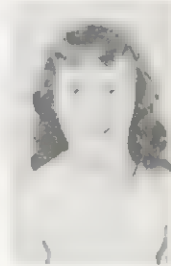
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Buttram



David  
Trimmer



Linda  
Murphy

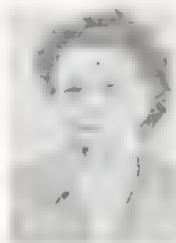


Mary  
Hensley



## Grade 5

Miss  
Bodamer



Melanie  
McGuire



Darrell  
Altic



Sharon  
Fore



Janet  
Parker



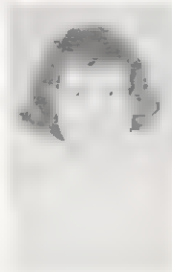
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Ohlemeyer



Richard  
Garren



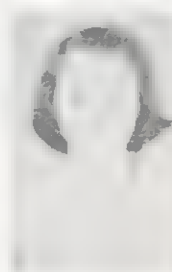
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Birge



Donna  
Moberly



Paul  
Pulliam



Patricia  
Arnold



Max  
Heinz, Jr



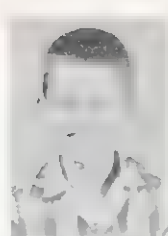
Dixie  
Smith



Ronnie  
Margenthaler



Diane  
Hanes



Roger  
Mitchell



Janice  
Windlan



Leonard  
Hoffman



Rachel  
Morgan



William  
Hamilton



Wanda  
Clifton



John  
Mathews



Marilyn  
Liming



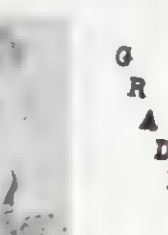
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Biggers



Eldon  
Newell



Loran  
Fultz



Jane  
Chalcraft



Stephen  
Kinkaid

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Billy  
Woodside



Elizabeth  
Archer



David  
Uhrich



Cynthia  
Heinz



Arthur  
Michaels



Lela  
Grissom



Richard  
Grubbs



Lynette  
Halicki



Perry  
Clark



Mary Ruth  
Manks



Gary  
Beck



Patty  
Margenthaler





# Primary Grades



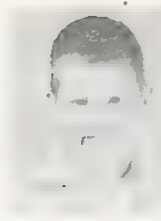
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Braden



Linda  
Buttrum



Robert  
Caplinger



Larry  
Carder



James  
Catlin



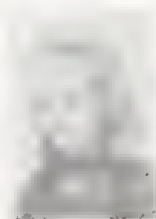
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Clark



Betty  
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Terry  
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Laura  
Forehand



Letna  
Grissom



Robert  
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Stephen  
Johnson



Kathy  
Loftus



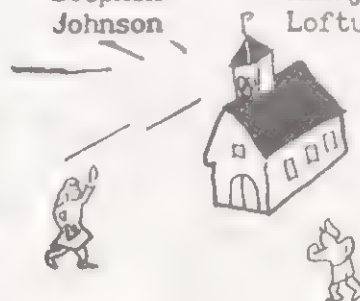
Lynn  
Myers



Loretta  
Norton



Dana  
Peck



Terry  
Rainey



Selene  
Shaw



Stephen  
Stanton



Stephanie  
Terrell



Glenda  
Thomas



Quwonna  
Thompson



Lynda  
Toner



Carol  
Walters



Stephen  
Ward



Roger  
Williams

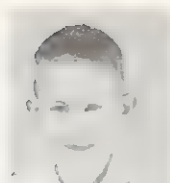
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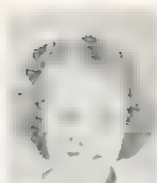
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Tanya Greeson



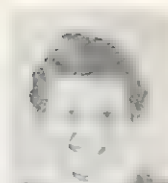
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Sharon Weikle



Joe Eaton



Carol Nelson



Jackie Tuttle



Connie Schroll



Sue Wilson



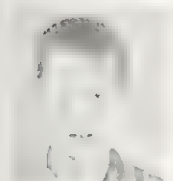
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Linda Glenn



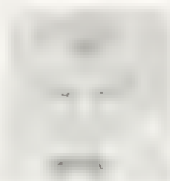
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Michael Stevens



Roy Stacey



James Mathews



Rebecca Martin



Virgil Evans



Bobby Crouch

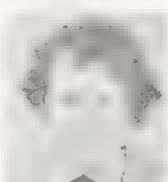


Michael  
Bennett



Donna Jean  
Dial

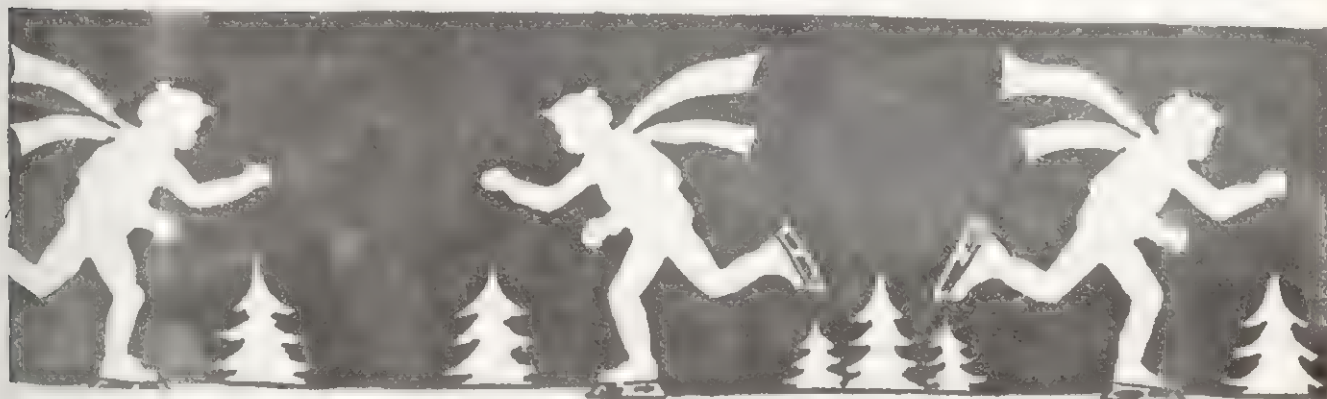
# GRADE 3



Sherri Lee  
Sullivan



Steven  
Halicki



Stephen  
Thrall



Gary  
Brelsfoard



Carolyn  
Harrington



William  
Thompson

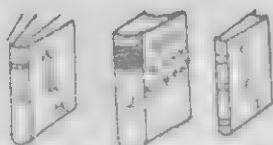
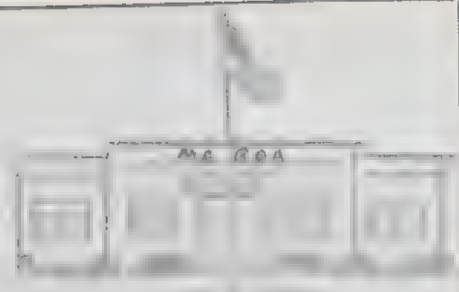


Danny  
McCormick





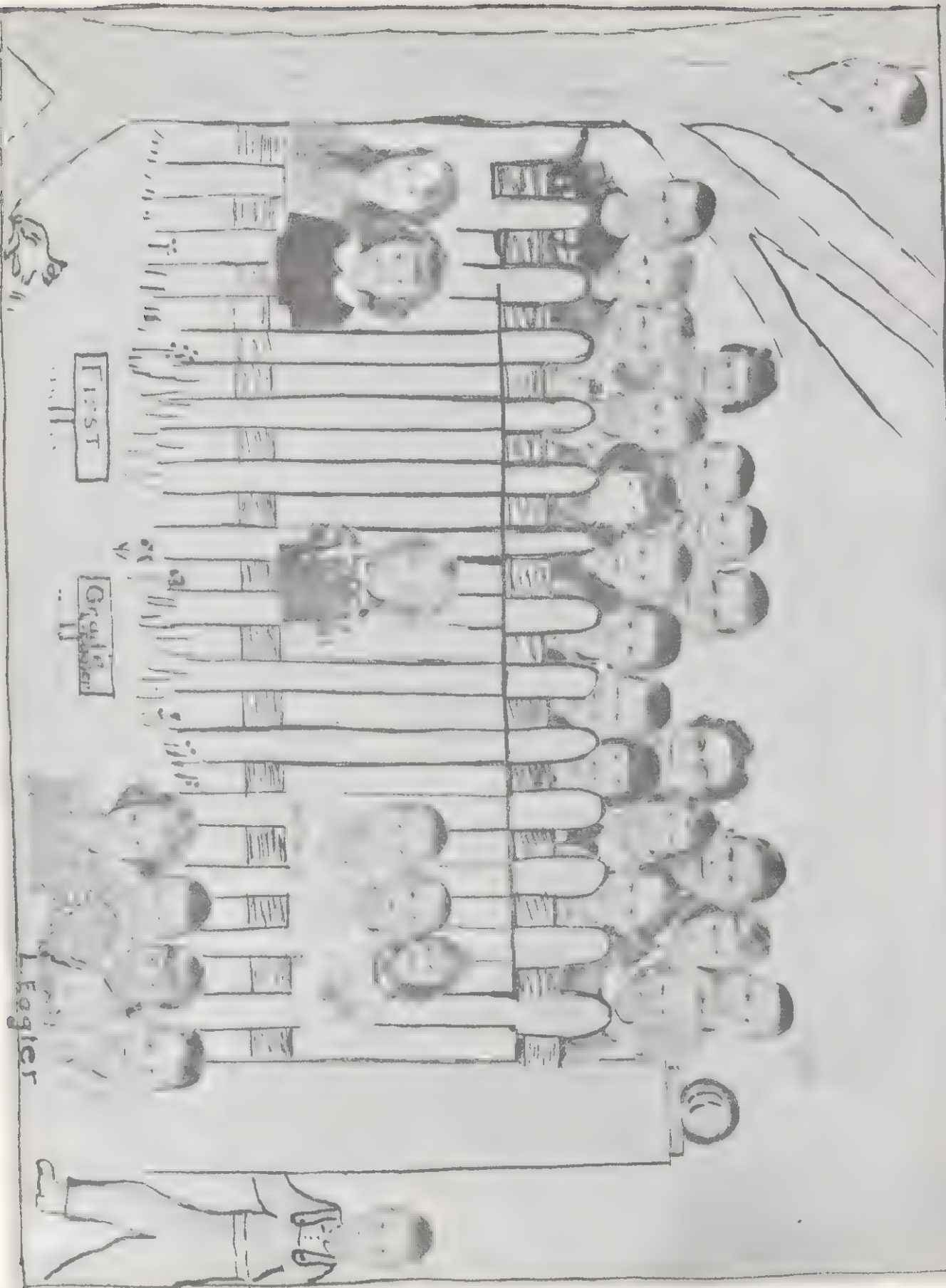
# SEPTEMBER 1955



SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT

## weather notes

For a rainy day - Let a smile be your umbrella. ☔  
 For any day - Open up your heart and let the sunshine in.



First

Granger

Granger

First Grade

Children's names on the poster:

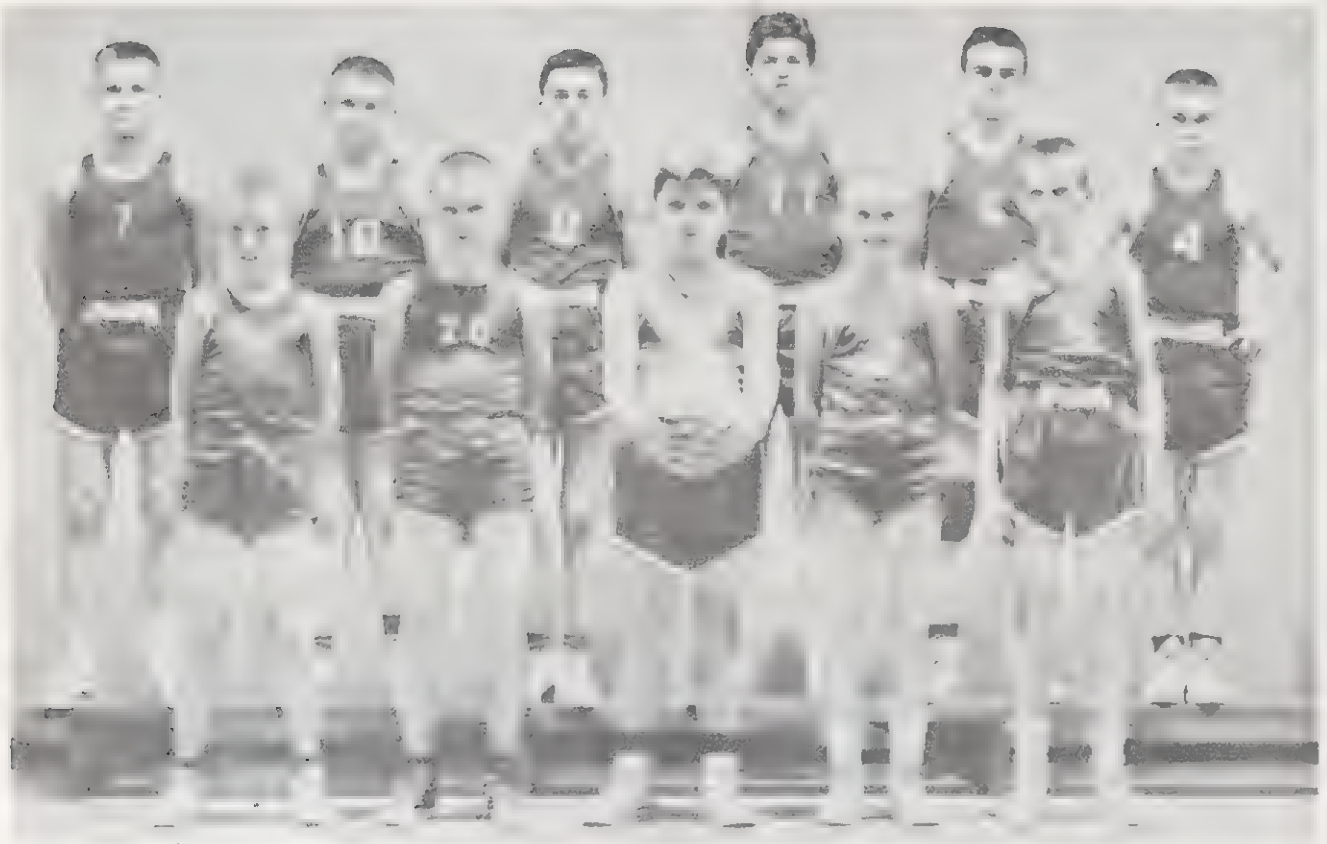
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- Laura B...
- Deborah A...
- Rebecca B...
- Rosalee Wand
- Robert B...
- Dennis Hagon
- Robert Burns
- Faye Lark
- Robert Newman
- Larry Beck
- Dennis Weinzierl
- Steven Estes
- Terry Spann
- Paula Larson
- Beverly...
- Carly Catlin
- Richard Hanes
- Velma Grissom
- Elena De...
- Hester Rybolt
- Colleen Cheney







# Sports



## ***"A" Team***

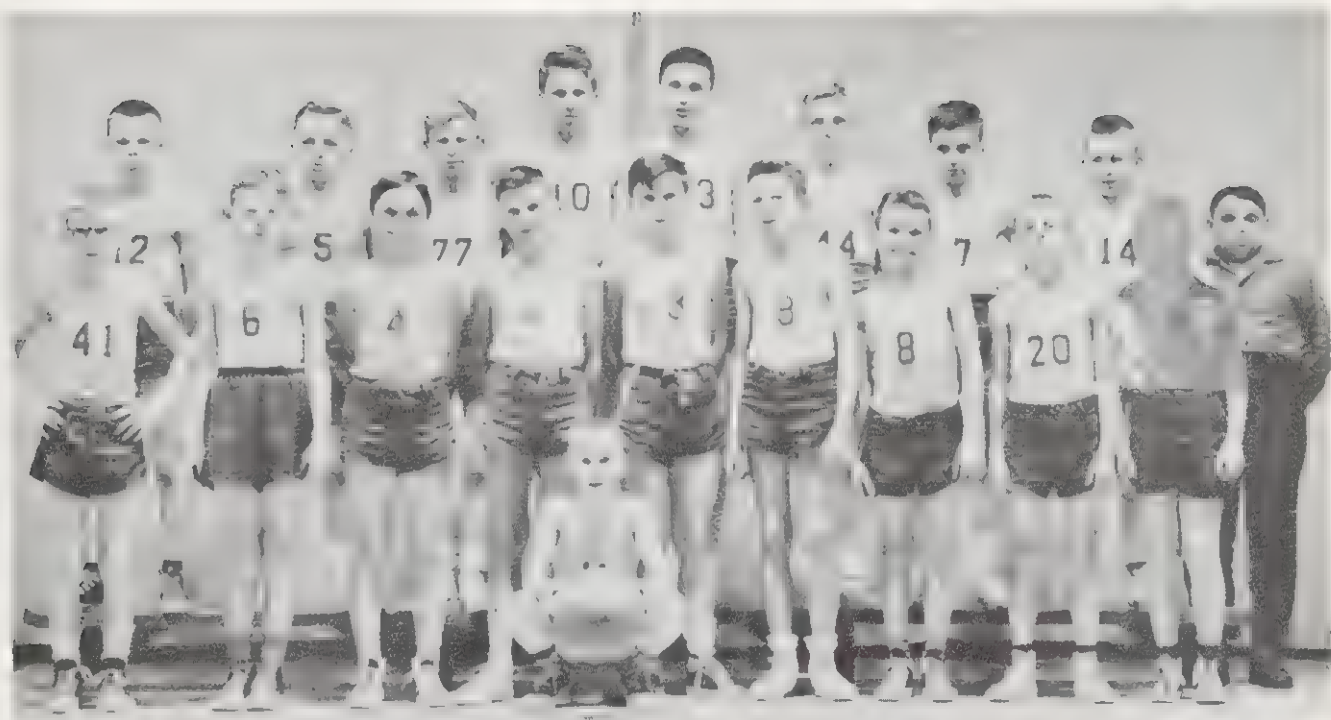
Front Row: Elston Mitchell, Robert Richardson, Richard Bennett,  
Rodger Hughes, Junior Odle.

Back Row: Lloyd Murphy, Robert Doak, J. R. Hedgpeth, Charles Glenn,  
Laverne Malone, Ronnie Terrell.

### BASKETBALL GAMES

Forsyth	Here	Nov.	9	Lost
Macon	There	Nov.	14	Won
Mt. Zion	Here	Nov.	30	Won
Niantic	There	Dec.	5	Won
Argenta	Here	Dec.	8	Lost
Latham	There	Jan.	5	Won
Blue Mound	Here	Jan.	18	Lost
Boody	Here	Feb.	6	Won





## ***"B" Team***

Center Front: Jerry Odle

Front Row: Ronnie Wikoff, Charles Ohlemeyer, James Eaton, Roy Allsup, Ronald Brown, Gary Archey, Jack Thrall, Virgil Hanks, Larry Creason, Robert Richardson,

Back Row: Robert Richardson, John Parker, Ronald Hess, Roy Groves, Thomas Hedgpeth, Bradley Lienhart, Roger Schultz, Elston Mitchell, Stoy Bliss, Manager.





### CHEERLEADERS

Diana Thrall, Lavina Fathauer, Susan McGuire,  
Judy Chalcraft, Judy Allsup, Tina Boyd.





## Physical Education Classes









# Organizations



### STUDENT COUNCIL

Standing: Ronnie Wikoff, Junior Odle, Mr. Fassett, Lloyd Murphy, Lavina Fathauer.

Seated: Judy Allsup, Connie Sinkosky, Ronnie Terrell, David Lemons, Carol Merrifield, Judy Chalcraft, Connie Margenthaler, Sharon Boyer.

On December 8, 1955, the student body of Maroa Junior High School ratified by a vote of 77 to 3, thus satisfying a 3/4 majority ratification clause, a proposed constitution drawn up by a student committee.

The student council consists of four officers and two homeroom representatives from each homeroom in the Junior High. The student council officers this year include: Carol Ann Merrifield, president; Judy Chalcraft, vice president; David Lemons, secretary; Ronnie Terrell, treasurer. Homeroom representatives include: Connie Margenthaler, Ronnie Wikoff, Judy Allsup, and Junior Odle from the two eighth grade rooms; and Connie Sinkosky, Sharon Boyer, Lavina Fathauer, and Lloyd Murphy from the seventh grade rooms. Mr. Fassett is sponsor.

The object of the Student Council shall be to promote school in interests and activities, to share the responsibility necessary to make the school a success and to acquire a knowledge of and practice in self-government. In obtaining the above objectives it is necessary for the Student Council to raise funds and in this connection they are operating a candy and ice cream concession at all home basketball games. The council also sponsors parties.



## *Safety Patrol*

Back Row: Mr. Fassett, Sponsor; David Altic, Robert Birge, Melvin Feathers, Thomas Birge, David Lemons, Captain; Richard Bennett.

Front Row: David Hoffman, Gary Archey, Billy Leimbach, Dean Cole, David Garren, Mr. Lefever; Co-sponsor.

The Maroa Grade School Safety Patrol is primarily a safety organization. We are a non-profit making organization and operate under the Chicago Motor Club. We have a wonderful sponsor and cooperative cadets. The duties of the cadets are to man corner posts to see that students are safe from oncoming cars. We take stair and hall duty to watch for students who violate good safety practices. Cadets help the supervising teachers during the noon period. We also man posts at our home basketball games and assist in taking tickets. In the spring all cadets in good standing attend a picnic put on by the Chicago Motor Club. Cadets also go to some outings. The funds come from the cloak room which cadets maintain at home basketball games. Occasionally on Saturdays all cadets attend a recreational play period. We are proud of our record. In our entire history we have had no serious accidents. However, we are not satisfied until our goal is reached; namely, to insure the safety of all.





## ***"B" Band***

**Front Row:** Sheldon Nicol, Roger Myers, Sally Shambaugh, Carol Jean Stoutenborough, Roy Allsup, Richard Bennet, Ardella Clifton, Mr. Smith.

**Back Row:** Bobby Stalker, Gwen Dickey, Janet Boyer, Bradley Lienhart, Glenn Fultz.

The famous Greek philosopher, Aristotle, as long ago as 384 B.C. recognized the importance of music with this statement:  
 "Since music has so much to do with molding of character, it is necessary that we teach it to our children."



## "A" Band

**First Row:**

Judy Chalcraft, Judy Allsup, Claudia Millerly, Roger Schuitz, Richard Breisfoard, Susan McGuire, Gwen Dickey, Roger Myers, Sandra Pense, Barbara Breisfoard.

**Second Row:**

Karen Miller, Connie Margenthaler, Loretta Cooper, Karla Pennypacker, David Garren, Laverne Malone.

**Third Row:**

Mary Ann Bolton, Dee Smith, Connie Sinkosky, Sheldon Nicol, Ronnie Wikoff, Sally Shambaugh, Lewis Roeder, Lavina Fathauer, Mr. Smith, Ardella Clifton, Sharon Boyer, Ronnie Terrell, Lloyd Murphy.

**Not Pictured:** Suzanne Streckelmeyer



#### BEGINNERS' BAND

Front Row: Rachel Morgan, Ella Sue Jiggers, Dixie Smith, Sharon Lockwood, Pat Himes, Trevor Leach, Jean Woolums, Melanie McGuire, Carol Merrifield.

Back Row: Linda Hartleroad, Stoy Bliss, Wynette Wikoff, Mr. Smith, Gary Amberg, Wanda Clifton, Lela Gossom, Richard Hoffman, Suzan Boyd, Larry Creason, Richard Grubbs.

#### WHY MUSIC IN THE SCHOOLS?

"Why do we teach music in the schools?" In fact, why democratize music at all? Because participation and growing skill in music is a joyful and satisfying experience which lifts the individual to a higher level of satisfaction than is provided by most of life and therefore increases the sum total of human happiness.

Imagine you are watching a band perform on the stage and not hearing it. What do you see? You see a group of young people giving perfect concentration to their music; you are watching teamwork equivalent to any athletic organization; you are watching fingers of the clarinet players rolling much faster than the eye can probably see and much faster than the brain can think.

This split-second thinking is extremely valuable, as is the artist's concentration. Children can learn as much citizenship in the band as in any class in the school system. They are living it from day to day; and, after all, citizenship is merely doing the right thing at the right time, and doing your share willingly and cheerfully. It is also a great character builder, for responsibility and character go hand in hand, and there is great responsibility always to the members of the organization with which they are working. A great genius of our time, the late Albert Einstein has this to say of the Arts:

"I have been occupied with music for forty or fifty years, and I can say to you that art is the best and most reliable friend you can acquire. You are never alone as long as you have art. The man who has not the experience of any kind of outlet in art is much more affected by pressure and suffering."



## *Girls' Glee Club*

### **Front Row:**

Mrs. Dotson, Judy Hinkle, Sharon Boyer, Ardella Clifton, Claudia Moberly, Tina Boyd, Connie Sinkosky, Susan McGuire, Karen Miller, Carolyn Wright, Janet Bolton, Barbara Brelsfoard, Diana Thrall, Lavina Fathauer, Loretta Cooper, Janet Marshall.

### **Back Row:**

Connie Margenthaler, Judy Allsup, Julia Hartleroad, Juanita Williams, Sharon Tapp, Beverly Pulliam, Betty Stinson, Judy Chalcraft, Judy Qualls, Dorothea Streich, Karla Pennypacker, Carol Windlan, Betty Westerman, Priscilla James, Lavon Riley, Shirley Newell, Joanne Williams, Carol Merrifield.





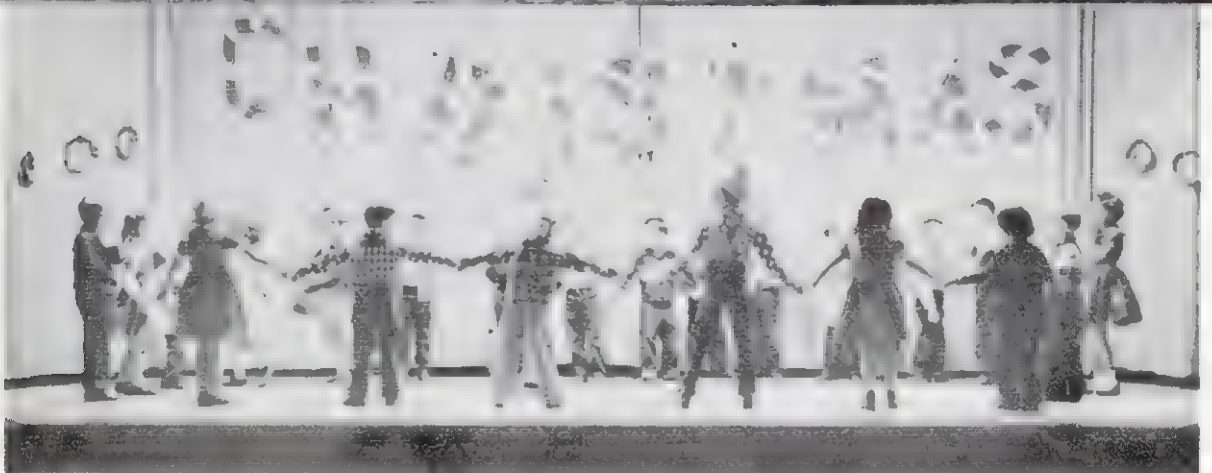


# Activities



# Christmas Program









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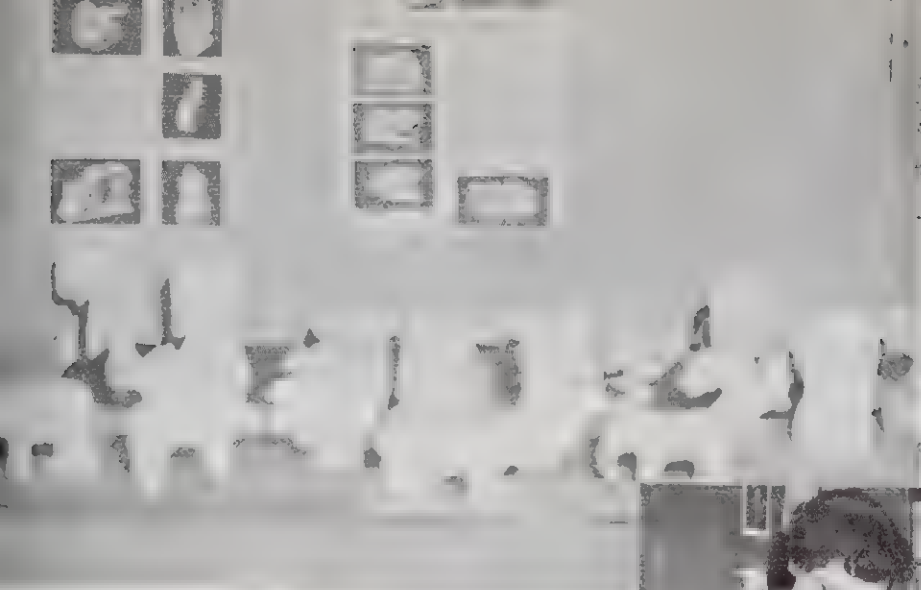


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# Art Activities



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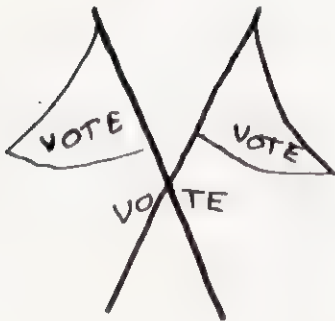
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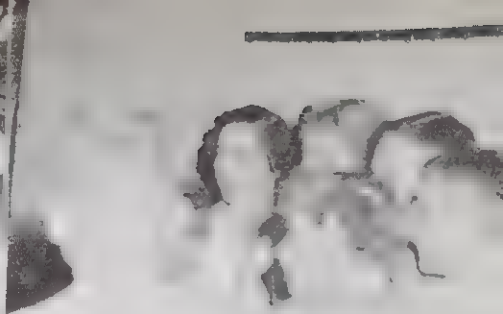


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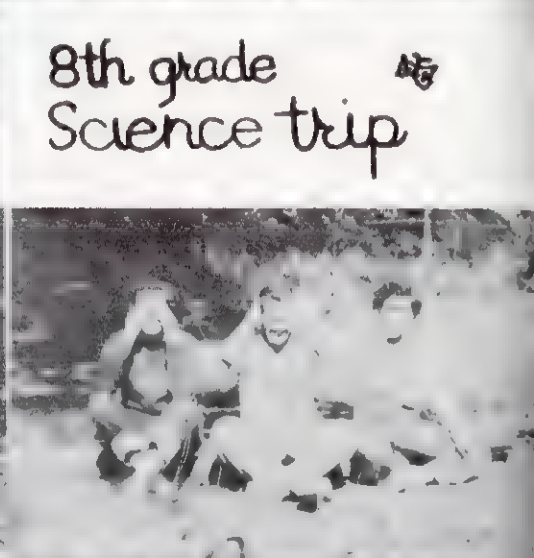
# Junior High Election Campaign





Junior High  
Halloween Party





8th grade <sup>MS</sup>  
Science trip





# Exhibits





## Familiar Faces





#### OUR T.V. APPEARANCE

On December the 17th a group of children from the rooms of Mrs. Vance, Mrs. Atkins, Miss Covey and Miss Bodamer went by bus to Decatur where they appeared on the television program "Your Schools on T.V." They presented the MANGER SCENE in pantomime assisted by a narrator and a group of carolers with Mrs. Dotson as accompanist.

#### The Cast

Little Sister-----	Velma Grissom
Narrator-----	Jane Chalcraft
Mary-----	Sharon Weikle
Joseph-----	Michael Stevens
The Angel-----	Carol Nelson
The Shepherds-----	Bobby Crouch
	John Berry
	Michael Bennett

The Wisemen-----	Jimmy Mathews
	Bobby Dean
	Joey Eaton

Carolers: Ella Sue Biggers, Lela Grissom, Richard Grubbs, Cynthia Heinz, Max Heinz, Patty Margenthaler, Ronnie Margenthaler, John Mathews, Roger Mitchell, Rachel Morgan, Dixie Smith, Lynette Halicki, Diane Hanes, Sandra Tapp, Donna Miller, Linda Hartleroad, Cheryl Hitchens.



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